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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method of providing a communication interface for coupling a point-of-sale (P.O.S.) system to a cash management system having cash depositing and cash dispensing functions, the communication interface for providing communication between the P.O.S. system and the cash management system including providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link includes providing a graphical user interface on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include defining data formats for communicating information between the cash management system and the P.O.S. system.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include defining data formats for communicating information between the cash management system and the P.O.S. system.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a modem.

6. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a modem.

7. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a modem.

8. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a modem.

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9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a wide-area network.

10. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a wide-area network.

11. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a wide-area network.

12. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for controlling the cash management system over a wide-area network.

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13. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing diagnostic functions on the cash management system.

14. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing diagnostic functions on the cash management system.

15. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing diagnostic functions on the cash management system.

16. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing diagnostic functions on the cash management system.

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17. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing setup functions on the cash management system.

18. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing setup functions on the cash management system.

19. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing setup functions on the cash management system.

20. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link together include providing software on at least one of the cash management system and the P.O.S. system for performing setup functions on the cash management system.

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21. (Previously presented) A method of providing a communication interface for coupling a point-of-sale (P.O.S.) system to a cash management system for providing communication between the P.O.S. system and the cash management system including providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over the communication link,

wherein the cash management system includes a user interface, and providing software on the P.O.S. system to permit control of the cash management system over a communication link comprises providing a user interface software on the P.O.S. system which emulates the user interface of the cash management system.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the user interface of the cash management system includes a keyboard and a display.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the user interface software on the P.O.S. system emulates the display of the cash management system by changing a display window of the P.O.S. system at the same time and in the same way as the display of the cash management system.

24. (New) A method of providing a communication interface for coupling a point-of-sale (P.O.S.) system to a cash management system having cash depositing and cash dispensing functions, the communication interface for providing communication between the P.O.S. system and the cash management system including providing software on the cash management system to permit operation of the cash management system including performing diagnostic functions over a communication link, and providing software on the P.O.S. system for performing the diagnostic functions on the cash management system over the communication link using a user interface device at the P.O.S. system.

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25. (New) The method of providing a communication interface for coupling a point-of-sale system to a cash management system having cash depositing and cash dispensing functions of claim 24, wherein the software on the P.O.S. system for performing diagnostic functions on the cash management system over the communication link using a user interface device at the P.O.S. system comprises software for emulating the diagnostic functions of the cash management system.

26. (New) The method of providing a communication interface for coupling a point-of-sale system to a cash management system having cash depositing and cash dispensing functions of claim 24, wherein the software on the P.O.S. system for performing diagnostic functions on the cash management system over the communication link using a user interface device at the P.O.S. system comprises software for determining that the cash management system is still connected to the P.O.S. system over the communication link.